

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-13 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-3, 10 and 12 are amended.

***Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103***

Claims 1-11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Kinoshita et al. (Japanese Patent Application 6-105943) (hereinafter Kinoshita), JP 2001-054612 (hereinafter JP ‘612) and further in view of JP 2002-200243 (hereinafter JP ‘243).

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinoshita, JP ‘612 and JP ‘243, and further in view of Dickenson et al. (US 5,251,898).

Applicants respectfully traverse.

By this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 2 and 3 to depend from claim 1, and also amends the dependencies of claims 10 and 12. Applicants also amend claim 1 to clarify that: i) each of the observation windows is associated with one of different parts in each of the reels; and ii) the controller is operable to exclusively allow one of the different parts in each of the reels to be viewed through an associated one of the observation windows in accordance with the condition of the game.

Applicants submit that the cited art, alone or in combination, fails to show at least the above feature. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over the cited art, and claims 2-13 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies.

***Conclusion***

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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